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10th Air Army (July 1948)

## 1. 10th Air Army:

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Headquarters: Vozzhayevka (35 kms SE of Kuibyshevka Vostochnaya),

Formerly stationed on Sakhalin Island.

Transferred to Vozzheyevka in July 1948.

Airfields known to be under the 10th Air Army:

Vozzhayevka Pozdeyevka (40 kms SE of Vozzhayevka)\* Zavitaya (40 kms SE of Pozdeyevka) Kuibyshevka

12th Air Army (December 1948)

#### 2. 12th Air Army:

a. Headquarters: Chita

Commander: Major General Slyusarev

Political Officer: Col. Loban

Disposition: From Chita region to Lake Baikal, against American occupation forces in Japan and Chinese anti-Communist forces.

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c. <u>History</u>: In 1941, this unit filled its complement with young inexperienced pilots, as the experienced pilots were on the western front. The unit took part in fighting Japan in 1945 with the following missions:

Sombing of the Hailar fortified position Reconnaissance Transporting of the 541st and other landing regiments Supplying of armored units.

- 3. <u>Components</u>: One component of the 12th Air Army is a mixed air corps with headquarters at Kuibyshevka Vostochnaya. Commander is a brigadier general. The mixed air corps is composed of three divisions, each commanded by a colonel:
  - a. 247th Bomber Division: Headquarters is at Bada (51-14N, 109-20E), 250 kms WSW of Chita. The division has 99 PE-2 planes, as follows:

3 air regiments, each of 33 planes

Each regiment - 3 squadrons of 9 planes each (plus 2 planes
each at division headquarters)

Each squadron - 3 squads of 3 planes each
One regiment, the 56th Bomber Regiment, is stationed at Bada.

b. IAD Fighter Division (Istrebitelneys Avia Diviziya): Headquarters is at Rabstovo (48-07N, 132-29E). The division has 108 YAK-3 and YAK-7 planes, as follows:

3 air regiments, each of 33 planes (plus 3 at headquarters)
Each regiment - 3 squadrons of 11 planes each
Each squadron - 3 squads, two of 4 planes and one of 3 planes

- c. SAD Attack Division (Shturmovaya Avia Diviziya): Headquarters is at Ukurei.\*\* Organization is the same as for the fighter division.
- 4. Type and total number of aircraft of the mixed air corps:

Name	Type	Number
YAK-1, 3	Fighter	99
U-YAK-7	i (instruction)	9
IL-2. 10	Attack	99
U-IL-2	n (instruction	9
PE-2	Bombardment	90
U-PE-2	s (instruction)	9
LI-2	Transport	1
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5. Two and total mumber of aircraft in 12th Air Army:

Name	Type	Number
YAK-3, 7	Fighter	198
U-YAK-7	" (instruction)	18
IL-2, 10	Attack	<b>9</b> 9
U-IL-2	" (instruction)	9
PE-2	Bomber	<b>9</b> 0
PE-2	Reconnaissance	29
U-PE-2	Bomber (instruction)	12
LI-2	Transport	. 7
S-2	Hospital	9
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Transport	
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#### Military Units in the Baikal Amer Military District (June 1948)

- 6. The Baikal-Ammr Military District is commanded by Lieutenant General Karatiyev, who was appointed to this post in 1948. The following units are in this military district:
  - a. At Nerchinsk (200 km E of Chita) there is a tank regiment and an infantry regiment. The Russian colonel who commands the infantry regiment is at the came time the garrison commander. The commander of the tank regiment is also a colonel. The officer complement of the tank regiment, the tanks, armament, and other equipment and supplies are complete, but the enlisted men constitute only a cadre.
  - b. At Razyezd No. 77 (siding, 46 km from Borzya, 17 km from Byrka) there is a tank regiment.
  - c. In the region of Barnabul (unlocated; reportedly about 300 km SE of Chita)\*\*\* there is an infantry landing division.
  - d. Kuibyshevka Vostochnaya is the headquarters of an army (number unknown).
  - a. There are large barracks in the northeastern part of the city of Chita which are occupied by transport and infantry divisions.
  - f. There are tank and artillery schools 8 km NH of Chita. The tank school has training tanks of the T-34, IS, and EV types.

## 280th end 281st Air Transport Regiments (December 1948)

- 7. The 280th Independent Air Transport Regiment was at Ulan Ude in December 1948, but it was rumored in September 1949 that it was opposite the Japanese coast. The commander of this regiment is Colonel Tsapko and his assistant is Lt. Colonel Ponomorev. There are three squadrons in this regiment. Each squadron is composed of 10 transport planes of the LI-2 type and has two sections (squads), each composed of five transport planes. The regimental staff has also three planes, one of which is of the II-12 type. This regiment is able to operate at night. The pilots train on the II-12 type plane.
- 8. The 281st Air Transport Regiment was reorganized in late 1946 and it was rumored at that time to have been sent to the Caucasus.

